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WHILE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT LUNCHEON, THERE IS OUTSIDE CHANCE IT MAY OCCUR. FOLLOWING REVISED TOAST BY SECRETARY IS SUGGESTED, IF NEEDED:

QUOTE: MR. COMMISSIONER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY EXPRESSING MY PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR THE EXCEPTIONALLY WARM HOSPITALITY YOU HAVE AGAIN EXTENDED TO ME. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I FIND MYSELF ONCE MORE IN THE LAND OF AUTHENTICITY.

ONE MANIFESTATION OF YOUR AUTHENTICITY, THE ZAIRIAN DANCE TROOP, RECENTLY ENHANCED OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS AND--ALONG WITH THE EXHIBITION OF ZAIRIAN MASTERPIECES WHICH IS TOURING MY COUNTRY -- HAS PROVIDED FURTHER EVIDENCE BOTH OF ZAIRE'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AND OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO ART FORMS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. ANOTHER ASPECT OF ZAIRE'S AUTHENTICITY WAS GIVEN ELOQUENT EXPRESSION BY YOU, MR. COMMISSIONER, LAST MONTH AT COLOMBO, WHERE YOU COURAGEOUSLY DEFENDED THE CAUSE OF GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT.

MY LAST VISIT TO ZAIRE WAS ALL TOO BRIEF. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS VISIT MUST BE EVEN BRIEFER. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BREVITY OF MY VISITS IS NO MEASURE OF MY INTEREST AND CONCERN

FOR ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS, BUT IS, RATHER, AN INDICATION OF HOW PRECIOUS TIME HAS BECOME IN THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING SOUTHERN AFRICA.

CERTAINLY MY TALKS TODAY WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS MUCH TO BE GAINED FROM ZAIRE'S COUNSEL AND EXPERIENCE AS WE APPROACH THESE COMPLEX ISSUES. AS I STATED ON MY ARRIVAL, WE REGARD ZAIRE AS MOONG THE MOST IMPORTANT AFRICAN STATES CONTRIBUTING TO THIS COLLECTIVE EFFORT.

WHEN ONE READS OF AFRICANS KILLED IN RIOTS, OF GUERRILLA RAIDS, OR REFUGEE CAMPS ATTACKED IN REPRISAL, TO ALL AFRICANS IT MEANS THE DEATH OF MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN; IT MEANS HOPES EXTINGUISHED AND DREAMS SHATTERED. THE GRAND ISSUES OF STRATEGY OR THE COMPLEXITY OF NEGOTIATIONS ARE NO CONSOLATION TO INNOCENT, BRUTALIZED VICTIMS. AS LONG AS THESE CONFLICTS FESTER, AFRICANS OF ALL RACES WILL BE CAUGHT UP IN A WIDENING AND ESCALATING CYCLE OF VIOLENCE. UNTIL THESE WARS ARE ENDED, AFRICA FACES A FUTURE OF DANGER, ANGUISH AND GROWING RISKS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS OF GOODWILL, I AM CONFIDENT A PEACEFUL, JUST SOLUTION CAN BE REACHED. ZAIRE'S STRUGGLE SINCE INDEPENDENCE TO CONSOLIDATE ITS NATIONHOOD AND GUARD AGAINST EXTERNAL FORCES AND EXTERNAL SOLUTIONS WELL EQUIPS IT TO UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF AN AUTHENTICALLY AFRICAN SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES LIES NOT ONLY IN MAJORITY RULE OF ZIMBABWE, INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA, AND THE END OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED FOR THE WELL BEING, PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF ALL INDEPENDENT AFRICAN NATIONS. AFTER ALL, IT WAS NOT TOO MANY GENERATIONS AGO THAT AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS WERE CONFRONTING PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT SIMILAR TO THOSE FACED BY AFRICA TODAY.

AS FOR ZAIRE, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THERE ARE MANY IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS WHO UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR COUNTRY'S CURRENT PROBLEMS. MY OWN APPRECIATION HAS BEEN IMMEASURABLY INCREASED BY MY TWO VISITS TO ZAIRE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TRIED TO BE HELPFUL WITH, I THINK, SOME SUCCESS. IT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY. BUT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST ZAIRE THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION AND TO SERVE AS A FRIEND IN COURT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, URGING IT TO FACE UP TO THE FULL MEASURE OF YOUR NEEDS IN THIS DIFFICULT TRANSITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERIOD. AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO HELP IN ASSURING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE CENTRAL REGIONS OF AFRICA, NOT ONLY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, SO THAT NEIGHBORS THAT SHOULD BE FRIENDS CAN BEGIN AGAIN TO COOPERATE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

MR. COMMISSIONER, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, AND CITIZENS, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, FOR HIS VISION AND LEADERSHIP, TO THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE FOR THEIR INDUSTRY AND DETERMINATION TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE, AND TO THIS VAST CONTINENT OF AFRICA,

THAT I HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE SO MUCH. END QUOTE.
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